**Forest Land-Satara**
**Diversion of 0.0979 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of Underground Gas Pipeline passing within RoW of NH-48 from city gas station at village Vadgaon, Dist. Kolhapur to village Vele, Dist. Satara in the State of Maharashtra.**

**Government of Maharashtra**
**Revenue and Forest Department**
**Government Order No: FLD-2323/C.R.55/F-10**

Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032

Date: 27.03.2023

**Reference:-**

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, M.S, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/ Nodal/ Kolhapur/ID-13228(29)/2710/2022-23, dt.17.01.2023.

**Preamble:-**

M/s. Bharat Gas Resources Limited, Sangli & Satara has submitted a proposal for Diversion of 0.0979 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of Underground Gas Pipeline passing within RoW of NH-48 from city gas station at village Vadgaon, Dist. Kolhapur to village Vele, Dist. Satara to the State Forest Department.

**Order:-**

In exercise of powers under general approval granted by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2019, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant **'In-principle'** approval under section -2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to the diversion of 0.0979 ha. Forest land for laying of Underground Gas Pipeline passing within Right of Way of NH-48 from city gas station at village Vadgaon, Dist. Kolhapur to village Vele, Dist. Satara.

The details of Forest Land as under:-

| Sr. No. | Item of Work | Village | Name of Existing Road | S.No. | G. No. | C. No. | L. X W. (in m.) | Sq. M. | Area (in Ha) | Legal Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | For laying of Steel Gas pipeline | Varade | NH-48 | 140p | 728 | 679 | 13.50 x 1 | 13.50 | 0.0014 | R.F. |
| 2 | | Kodoli | | 393 | 290 | 231 | 370.00 X 1 | 370.00 | 0.037 | R.F. |
| 3 | | Anavadi | | - | 407 | - | 316.38 x 1 | 316.38 | 0.0316 | Identified Forest |
| 4 | | Vahagaon | | - | 1435 | - | 278.70 x 1 | 278.70 | 0.0279 | R.F. |
| **Total Forest Area (in ha)** | | | | | | | | | **0.0979** | |

2. **This 'In-principle' approval is subject to the following conditions-**

1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
2) The User Agency shall defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation over 1.00 ha degraded forest land in F.C.No.43, Sy.No.132, Gut No. 418 at Village Anavadi, Tal. Wadi, Dist. Satara.

3) The concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests shall ensure legal status of proposed Forest land At Village Anavadi, Gut No. 407, before granting working permission.
4) The Gas Pipeline will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2 meters depth & 1.00 meter width.
5) If bank guarantee is not submitted with concern Road Authority (NHAI/ MSRDC/PWD/ZP), the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate determined by the concerned authorities and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.
6) If the pipeline is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate determined by the concerned authorities. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the pipeline in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.
7) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying Gas Pipeline in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.
8) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
9) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
10) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.
11) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying of Gas Pipeline.
12) The User Agency shall pay the cost of Net Present Value as per latest Guidelines of MoEF&CC.
13) Underground Gas Pipeline can be laid only outside the confines of the Protected Areas.
14) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
15) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under Right of Way suitably.
16) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.
17) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Competent Authorities for the project and concerned PWD / NHAI authorities.

18) The User Agency shall compensate the private holders of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.
19) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
20) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.
21) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.
22) In case, the proposed area falls in the RoW of the road passing through National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, prior permission of the State Board for Wildlife should be obtained.
23) Final Approval shall be granted by the State Government after compliance of conditions in this order.
24) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference No. 202303231733497219. This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

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7. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur.
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9. The CGD Head, Sangli & Satara GA, Bharat Gas Resources Limited.
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